



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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Dear Parents,

In order to give Arizona parents an additional tool to help their students do better in school, we are providing a Lexile Reading Range that is linked to their AIMS Reading scores.

The Lexile Framework measures readers and reading materials. Parents, teachers and students can use Lexiles to determine if a text is too easy, too difficult, or just right for a student. Lexile is not a test score; it is a measure that applies to books and articles students encounter daily – at school, at home, and in the library. Teachers and parents can use Lexiles to create a strong home-school connection while encouraging reading at students' comprehension levels. Students are more likely to read if they are able to choose books that match their ability.

Students in Arizona will receive Lexile measures with their AIMS Reading scores each spring. Parents may get this information from their child's teacher. The Lexile Map (on the back of this letter) provides some titles matched to your child's reading range.

To learn more about Lexiles and the Lexile Database of tens of thousands of titles, please visit the ADE website Lexile Resource at www.azed.gov/azreads/lexile.

I know you care about helping your child become a lifelong reader. I hope the Lexile Map is useful to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tom Horne".

Tom Horne
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